

Golden Sower Awards

Whether readers are seeking information or reading for pleasure, quality literature presented through the Nebraska Golden Sower Award program will enrich the lives of Nebraska's children and sow seeds of the future.

Golden Sower Award Nominees 2017-2018

Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

- DB 84472 Booked by Kwame Alexander
- DB 82285 Code of Honor by Alan Gratz
- DB 82822 Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn
- DB 87377 House Arrest by K.A. Holt
- DB 82286 A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- DB 82008 I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest
- DB 84135 Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

- DB 87363 Book Scavenger: Book Scavenger, Book 1 by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
- DB 82133 A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord
- DB 87369 The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
- DB 82092 Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

- BR 21053/DB 85273 Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman
- DB 84585 One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia by Paul Miranda

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Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

- DB 80632 Famous Last Words by Katie Alender – *Horror Fiction*
- DB 79106 Torn Away by Jennifer Brown – *Realistic Fiction*
- DB 78852 Grandmaster by David Klass – *Realistic Fiction*
- DB 78707 The Winner's Curse: The Winner's Trilogy, Book 1 by Marie Rutkoski – *High Fantasy*

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

- DB 82165 Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper – *Historical Fiction*
- DB 79309 Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff – *Realistic Fiction*
- DB 79655 The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm – *Science Fiction*
- DB 80497 Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt – *Realistic Fiction*
- DB 79541 Dash by Kirby Larson – *Historical Fiction/Animal Fiction*

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

- BR 21040 Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)
- BR 21020 Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)
- BR 21045 Blizzard by John Rocco (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)
- BR 21066 Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie Ann Thompson (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)
- DB 82668 Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh by Sally M. Walker

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Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

- DB 81314 Red Queen: The Red Queen Trilogy, Book 1 by Victoria Aveyard – *High Fantasy*
- Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)*

DB 77918 *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library: Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Book 1* by Chris Grabenstein – *Adventure Fiction*

DB 80472 *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley – *Historical Fiction/WWII Fiction Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)*

BR 21007 *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

BR 21020 *Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

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DB 76777 *The Testing: The Testing Trilogy, Book 1* by Joelle Charbonneau (Also available, DB 78427 *Independent Study: The Testing Trilogy, Book 2* and DB 79748 *Graduation Day: The Testing Trilogy, Book 3*) – *Science Fiction*

DB 76877 *Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal – *Fantasy/Ghost Story/Fairy Tale Elements*

DB 77917 *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan – *Realistic Fiction*

DB 77940 *Golden Boy* by Tara Sullivan – *Adventure Fiction Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)*

DB 77918 *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein – *Adventure Fiction*

DB 78816 *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd – *Low Fantasy*

DB 78517 *Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord – *Realistic Fiction*

DB 76760 *The Girl from Felony Bay* by J.E. Thompson – *Mystery Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)*

BR 21007 *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

BR 21025 *Sophie's Squash* by Pat Zietlow Miller (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

BR 20044 *Super Hair-O and the Barber of Doom* by John Rocco (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

Golden Sower Award Winners 2014-2015

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

DB 78371 *The False Prince: The Ascendance Trilogy, Book 1* by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Also available, DB 78372 *The Runaway King: The Ascendance Trilogy, Book 2* and DB 78373 *The Shadow Throne: The Ascendance Trilogy, Book 3*) – *High Fantasy Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)*

BR 20028 *Creepy Carrots!* by Aaron Reynolds (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

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Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

DB 75631 *Cinder: The Lunar Chronicles, Book 1* by Marissa Meyer (Also available, DB 76016 *Scarlet: The Lunar Chronicles, Book 2* and DB 78442 *Cress: The Lunar Chronicles, Book 3*) – *Science Fiction/Fairy Tale/Romance/Golden Sower Honor Book*

DB 75095 *Starters: Starters and Enders, Book 1* by Lissa Price (Also available, DB 78967 *Enders: Starters and Enders, Book 2*) – *Science Fiction*

DB 75727 *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman – *Realistic Fiction/School Story Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)*

DB 78030 *Three Times Lucky: A Tupelo Landing Mystery, Book 1* by Sheila Turnage (Also available, DB 78168 *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing: A Tupelo Landing Mystery, Book 2*) – *Mystery*

DB 75926 *Tuesdays at the Castle: Castle Glower, Book 1* by Jessica Day George (Also available, DB 76752 *Wednesdays in the Tower: Castle Glower, Book 2*) – *Fairy Tale/High Fantasy*

DB 74288 The Underdogs by Mike Lupica – *Sports Fiction/Football*

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

BR 20025 Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

Golden Sower Award Winners 2013-2014

Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

DB 74825 Legend: Legend, Book 1 by Marie Lu (Also available DB 76355 Prodigy: Legend, Book 2 and DB 77806 Champion: Legend, Book 3) – *Science Fiction/Fantasy*

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

DB 74228 Wonder by R.J. Palacio – *Realistic Fiction/School Story/Disabled Fiction*

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Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)

DB 75373 Jefferson's Sons by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley – *Historical Fiction*

DB 73525 Matched: The Matched Trilogy, Book 1 by Ally Condie (Also try the other two books in the Matched Trilogy, DB 74034 and DB 76047) – *Science Fiction/Fantasy/Romance*

DB 71870 Payback Time by Carl Deuker – *Realistic Fiction/Sports Fiction*

DB 74183 The Prisoner of Cell 25: A Michael Vey Novel, Book 1 by Richard Paul Evans – *Science Fiction/Fantasy/Christian Fiction*

DB 71820 Dark Life: Dark Life, Book 1 by Kat Falls (Also try the second installment of the series, DB 74446) – *Science Fiction/Fantasy*

DB 74452 Between Shades of Grey by Ruta Sepetys – *Historical Fiction*

DB 70791 After Ever After: A Jeffrey Alper Novel, Book 2 by Jordan Sonnenblick – *Realistic Fiction/Medical Story*

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

DB 75432 The Clockwork Three by Matthew Kirby – *Science Fiction/Fantasy/Steampunk*

DB 74416 Pie by Sarah Weeks – *Food Mystery*

DB 74157 Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick – *Historical Fiction/Disabled Fiction*

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

DB 01192 Have You Seen Mary? By Jeff Kurrus – *Nebraska Writers/ Nature Story/Animal Story*

DB 71660 Arbor Day Square by Kathryn O. Galbraith – *Nebraska Pioneer Fiction/Nature Story*

Golden Sower Award Winners - Past Years

Primary (Kindergarten-Grade 3)

2013 – BR 19028 Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle by Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

1997 – BR 09934 John Henry by Julius Lester (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

1994 – BR 11031 The Rough-Face Girl by Rafe Martin (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

1992 – BR 08909 The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South by Robert D. San Souci (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

1991 – BR 08904 Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

1983 – NBR 00320 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judith Barrett (*This picture book is only available in Twin-Vision Braille*)

Intermediate (For Grades 4-7 and 5-8)

2012 – DB 70350 Closed for the Season: A Mystery Story by Mary Downing Hahn – *Mystery*

2011 – DB 68747 Stolen Children by Peg Kehret – *Suspense Story*

- 2009 – DB 69453 Satch and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman – *Science Fiction/Sports Fiction*
- 2006 – BBR 42139 Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret – *Adventure Story (This picture book is only available in Braille)*
- 2005 – BBR 42148 Loser by Jerry Spinelli – *School Story (This picture book is only available in Braille)*
- 2003 – DB 50679 Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo – *General Fiction*
- 1997 – BBR 34119 The Best (Worst) School Year Ever: The Herdmans, Book 2 by Barbara Robinson – *School Story/Humor Fiction (This picture book is only available in Braille)*
- 1991 – BBR 34120 There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar – *School Story (This picture book is only available in Braille)*
- 1985 – BBR 33514 A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace – *Animal Story (This picture book is only available in Braille)*
- 1983 – BBR 35212/DB 40741 Superfudge: Fudge, Book 3 by Judy Blume – *Family Story (This picture book is available in Braille and on digital cartridge)*
- 1981 – BBR 21015/DB 65299 Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery; Bunnica, Book 1 by James Howe – *Animal Story/Paranormal Fiction (This picture book is only available in Braille and on digital cartridge)*
- Young Adult (For Grades 6-9, Junior High, and Senior High Readers)*
- 2013 – DB 73998 The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen – *School Story/Disability Fiction*
- 2012 – DB 71569 The Compound: The Compound, Book 1 by S.A. Bodeen – *Science Fiction*
- 2011 – DB 68384 The Hunger Games: The Hunger Games, Book 1 by Suzanne Collins – *Science Fiction*
- 2010 – DB 65144 Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cythnia Kadohata – *Vietnam War Fiction/Animal Story*
- 2009 – DB 62066 Twilight: Twilight, Book 1 by Stephenie Meyer – *Low Fantasy/Romance*
- 2008 – DB 63443 The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1 by Rick Riordan – *Low Fantasy*
- 1995 – BBR 35039 The Giver: The Giver Quartet, Book 1 by Lois Lowry – *Science Fiction (This picture book is only available in Braille)*